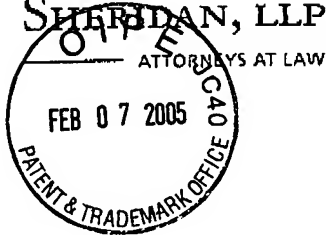


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In the Reasons for Allowance mailed December 14, 2004, the Examiner made statements pertaining only to claims 1-16 as the limitations mentioned in the statement are only included in those claims. While all other claims are also allowable, they do not include those limitations. Therefore, the cited references additionally fail to teach, show or suggest a system for controlling flow of hydrocarbons in wellbore operations that includes a string of tubing, and a plurality of flow control apparatuses coupled to the string of tubing, each flow control apparatus comprising a tubular member having at least one aperture formed in a wall thereof, the aperture providing fluid communication between an outside and an inside of the tubular member, each flow control apparatus adapted to be set in a first position and in a second position to control a flow of fluid between the outside and the inside of the tubular member. Further, the cited references

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additionally fail to teach, show or suggest a method of controlling flow in wellbore operations that includes running in a plurality of flow control apparatuses coupled to a string of tubing, each flow control apparatus comprising a tubular member having at least one aperture formed in a wall thereof, the aperture providing fluid communication between an outside and an inside of the tubular member, each flow control apparatus adapted to be set in a first position and in a second position to control a flow of fluid between the outside and the inside of the tubular member, and remotely setting each of the flow control apparatuses in the first position or the second position.

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